

Miscellany.

A VISIT TO THE ARIZONA OSTRICH FARM.

[Correspondence of the CALEDONIAN.]

There are but two large ostrich farms in the United States, one in California and the other near Phoenix, Arizona.

While a party of us were in Phoenix recently we had the pleasure of visiting the Arizona ostrich farm, where they now have fifty-two ostriches, all grown except four. The grown birds are twelve and thirteen feet tall and weigh nearly three hundred pounds, and the young ones, that were hatched in June measure fully six feet.

The legs and thighs of the ostriches are bare; their long snake-like necks are covered with a very fine fuzz or down through which the skin can be seen, and their bodies are covered with the most beautiful feathers, black, white and gray; the most expensive ones grow under the wings, the next in quality are the tail feathers, and the cheaper grades are on the wings and breast.

These feathers become ripe every eight months, and in order to pluck them, the birds are lassoed and corralled in a tight, high stall, so small that they can scarcely move till they are out again.

The yield of each ostrich at a plucking is about three fourths of a pound and the feathers sell from ten to seventy-five dollars per pound.

Sixteen birds were brought here from Africa a few years ago, the owner paying twenty-two hundred dollars for them; only two of this number are still living, old Jumbo and his mate Betty.

The eggs of the ostrich are very large, each weighing three pounds or about the same as two and one half dozen hen's eggs. The shells are very heavy and thick, and are worth one dollar and fifty cents apiece when plain, but if painted, they sell for two, two and one half and three dollars.

A short time ago one scrambled ostrich egg was put on the table at dinner for nine men, who enjoyed the dinner greatly and had all the egg they cared for at one meal.

Ostrich eggs hatch in nine weeks, the male bird sitting at night on them and the female through the day.

Ostriches feed mostly on alfalfa, requiring one acre for each to keep them the year round; this is the amount of grass required to keep a cow for the same length of time.

These ostriches are nearly all quite tame, several of them having been ridden by Mexican cowboys; when mounted the birds ran so fast that the cowboys were glad to slide quickly off after going but a short distance. We held the ostriches by their necks and wings, stroked their feathers, and fed them alfalfa and corn. They will swallow whole, an ear of corn ten or twelve inches long, and never think of shelling the corn as other birds do; neither do they drink like other birds, but instead they keep their heads down to the water, as a horse does, till they drink all they want.

As we stood watching and feeding them they would pick at our fingers, watch chains and buttons.

A few weeks ago a gentleman from the East was visiting in Phoenix; his friend took him to visit the ostrich farm, and while they were standing near the fence talking, one of the ostriches stretched out his long neck and grabbed and swallowed a ten dollar watch charm.

As we drove up to this ostrich farm, the birds were at their usual morning frolic, that of running races. A number of them would start out together and run as fast as they could to the lower end of the field; as soon as the first one reached the fence, he would start back on a hard run, flap his wings and make the queerest cackling, just as if he rejoiced over his victory in winning the race. The next one that reached the fence would do the same, and the owner of these birds told us that they kept this up for hours every morning.

When they tire of this game, those that are behind will meet the others on their return and they will have a hard scuffle, sometimes jumping so high that they are thrown over the fence.

Old Jumbo jumped the fence while fighting one day last summer, and started off on a run; before the men, who were mounted on fast horses, could get near enough to lasso him, he had given them a chase of over fifty miles.

We were not allowed to see Jumbo's and Betty's nest, because Jumbo

is a fighter and he probably would have attacked us, had we gone into his corral. He was very much enraged and hissed loudly when we came near the fence.

In fighting, the ostrich stands up as straight as a man, and lifting his leg strikes forward with such a force, as to tear open by a single blow of the foot, a large dog or any animal of that size. When a man is attacked if he will throw himself flat on the ground he is comparatively safe, for the ostrich strikes toward an object in front of him and not directly down.

When the ostriches were first brought to Phoenix, they were such a curiosity to everyone, that the owner made between seven and eight hundred dollars a week exhibiting them, charging twenty-five cents admission.

We passed a pleasant forenoon watching these curious and interesting animals, and on leaving, the keeper gave each one of our party an ostrich feather as a souvenir of the visit.

K. BELLE MARDEN.
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WARRANTED HARMLESS.

"You are right in it," remarked the whale to Jonah.

"You bet I am in it," was the answer. "And what is more, if I am not out of it in less than a week I will give you the biggest case of appendicitis on record."

The sequel is history.—[Indianapolis Journal.]

The Judge—I hope I shall not see you here again. Prisoner (who is arrested weekly)—Not see me? Why, yer ain't goin' to resign your position, are you?—[Truth.]

"It's a good idea to make light of your troubles." "I do," replied Hap-pigo: "whenever a creditor sends me a letter I burn it."—[Washington Star.]

Minnie—"I want to introduce you to a young lady—a very nice girl—and she's worth her weight in gold." Bob—"Stout girl, I hope?"—[Puck.]

Brown—"Is young Flyingwedge practising law?" Jones—"I think not. He was admitted to the bar, but I think he's practising economy."—[Vogue.]

Under the heading, "Hint's to Housekeepers," a ladies' paper has an article, "How to Tell a Bad Egg." Judy's advice is, if you have anything in particular to tell a bad egg, break it gently.—[London Judy.]

"One day," says an American, "I went into a book store in the Strand and asked for 'Hare's Walks in London.' In America the book is sold in one thick volume. The clerk brought it in two. 'Oh, I said as I looked at them, 'you part your 'Hare' in the middle, do you?' 'I sir!' he said, in a bewildered look. 'Oh, no, sir! I saw he didn't see the joke, so I didn't explain, but bought the books and went away. A week later I went to the same shop. As soon as the clerk saw me he rushed from the back of the shop, laughing vociferously. 'Good!' he shouted. 'Capital! Part your 'Hare' in the middle! That's capital, sir, capital!'"

Salesman—"Mr. Haggamore, I've joined the church." Grocer—"I'm glad to hear it James. I hope you will stick." Salesman—"Yes, sir, and you'll have to let some of the other clerks sell that pure Vermont maple syrup after this."—[Troy Budget.]

Hungry Hanks—Keep it dark, mum; but I'm a reporter from de Chicago Inter-Ocean writin up a artikel on how it feels to be a tramp, and dem as treats me proper I'll write up magnificent.—[Judge.]

HOW THE "LOCOFOCOS" GOT THEIR NAME.

The nickname "Locofoco" stuck to the democrats with more adhesiveness than the epithet borrowed from English politics. Anti-bank democrats of New York, holding a meeting in Tammany Hall, in October, 1835, were annoyed by the bank faction of their own party, who, failing to get possession of the meeting, turned off the gas from the main source of supply. The anti-bank men lighted loco-foco matches, as friction matches were then called, and conducted their deliberations thereby to a close. A "self-lighting match" was itself a misnomer, but the name stuck to anti-bank democrats, who "were hostile to the moneyed interests of the country" for a long time after this.—[From "The Passing of the Whigs," by Noah Brooks, in the February Scribner.]

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SOME WONDERFUL GIANTS OF OLD.

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Pliny speaks of seeing a giantess ten feet two inches in height, and a skeleton seventy feet long. There are weird stories of the Emperor Maximilian, who was reputed to be nine feet high and to have eaten forty pounds of meat a day.—From "Giants and Giantism," by Dr. C. L. Dana, in the February Scribner.

LIKE A MIRACLE.

Salt Rheum, Impure Blood and a Racking Cough That Rattled Physicians, Finally Cured.

[Springfield (Mass.) Republican.]
In the town of Amherst, Mass., Mr. Geo. B. Pierce and his mother are the proprietors of the Amherst Creamery Association. Mrs. Pierce has suffered for a long time with Salt Rheum and a cough that forbade Consumption, but they have given away to health and vigor. Hearing of this a reporter called on Mrs. Pierce, and the following experience was related:—

"For a long time I suffered from Salt Rheum," said Mrs. Pierce, "but about two years ago I slipped and hurt my knee, which made it worse. I can't begin to tell the agony I was in, my limbs became a mass of raw flesh covered with running sores. My friends would say I could not live long, and I thought so too. Well, I heard of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy and Dr. David Kennedy's Salt Rheum Cream; I commenced using them, and in three weeks I walked out of doors. Last night I walked a mile, and I am sixty-three years of age. It shows that Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy and Salt Rheum Cream can do more than the physicians for they made me well after my doctor told me I was incurable. I must also tell you of another preparation Dr. Kennedy advised me to use, which did as much for me. It was Dr. David Kennedy's Cherry Balsam. I have had a wretched cough for the past fifteen years, the best doctors in the state united in saying that it was incurable, and that it was only a matter of time before my lungs would give out—my sleep was restless, I would lie awake for hours. I well recollect the first time I used Dr. Kennedy's Cherry Balsam. It relieved my throat at once, and I slept all through that night, the first full night's rest I had in several years. It seemed like a miracle, I took but two bottles and was cured.

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